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In re the application of:

IMMER et al.

Art Unit: 1644

Serial Number: 09/027,777

Examiner: R. Schwadron

Filed: February 23, 1998

Atty. Docket No. 108099-00001

For: PROCESS FOR PREPARING CARDIODILATIN FRAGMENTS; HIGHLY PURIFIED CARDIODILATIN FRAGMENTS AND INTERMEDIATE PRODUCTS FOR THE PREPARATION OF SAME

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT/RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

July 29, 2002

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 28, 2002, which is an election of species requirement, please amend the application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend claims 35-36 as follows:

35. (Amended) A fragment of ANP (95-126) selected from the group consisting of:
- (a) Boc-Thr(tBu)-Ala-Pro-Arg(Pbf)-Ser(tBu)-Leu-Arg(Pbf)-Arg(Pbf)-Ser(tBu)-Ser(tBu)-Cys(Acm)-Phe-Gly-Gly-OH (SEQ ID 6);
  - (b) Fmoc-Arg(Pbf)-Met-Asp(OtBu)-Arg(Pbf)-Ile-Gly-Ala-Gln(Trt)-Ser(tBu)-Gly-Leu-Gly-OH (SEQ ID 7);
  - (c) Fmoc-Cys(Trt)-Asn(Trt)-Ser(tBu)-Phe-Arg(Pbf)-Tyr(tBu)OH (SEQ ID 8);
  - (d) Fmoc-Cys(Trt)-Asn(Trt)-Ser(tBu)-Phe-Arg(Pbf)-Tyr(tBu)-tBu (SEQ ID 8);
  - (e) H-Cys(Trt)-Asn(Trt)-Ser(tBu)-Phe-Arg(Pbf)-Tyr(tBu)-OtBu (SEQ ID 8);